

OPENING OF LENT FINDS MUCH FISH

Large Fleet at Boston Sell at Good Prices.

Today, the opening day of the Lenten season finds the fish dealers of T wharf well prepared for its coming, with almost the record supply of fish of the season. Not for many months has the supply and the number of arrivals been equalled, and the best of it is, for dealers and fishermen both, trade is extra brisk and prices good.

Yesterday 52 vessels arrived at T wharf with about 900,000 pounds of fish. Of this fleet eight were off shores and all had good trips, the other 44 being market boats with from small to good catches.

All kinds of fish, haddock, hake, cod, cusk and pollock were in the lot, about 80 per cent. of all landed being of the former variety.

Of the big fellows, sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., was the top liner, with 82,000 pounds and schs. Slade Gorton, Flora S. Nickerson, Catherine G. Burke, Terra Nova, Manhasset, Josie and Phebe and John J. Fallon had from 50,000 to 78,000 pounds. All will make nice trips.

Most of the boats have had only one set and had from 5000 to 8000 pounds each, while others that have had two sets, had from the latter amount up to 24,000 pounds, which fine amount was to the credit of the market fisherman Evelyn L. Thompson, whose skipper, Capt. Thompson, is certainly doing a big hustle these days.

Haddock brought from \$1.25 to \$3.50, cod from \$2.75 to \$5.50, cusk \$2.00, pollock \$3.50 and hake from \$2.50 to \$5.

The dealers were anxious for fish and hustled them out in great shape, having in mind stocking up for to-day, as well as filling their numerous orders.

This morning they were met by another big bunch of arrivals, 38 of the market fleet, not an off shore among them, with fares ranging all the way from 3000 to 28,000 pounds. They wanted the fish all right and paid rattling fine prices, too. This morning's offering figured up half a million pounds, but they were all live fish and haddock sold readily at from \$3.10 to \$3.55, while cod brought from \$3.50 to \$5.50, pollock \$4.00 and hake from \$3 to \$5.

The dealers were jubilant. They made no secret that trade had woke up and was giving them all they could do to fill orders. They said they wanted the fish and were willing to pay well for them. It was a case of "slat 'em out boys; let your fish come and be quick about it." After the lethargy which has prevailed at T wharf all winter, it certainly seemed as though the old place had taken a new lease of life. Everybody was up to their eyes in fish and dirty and glad of it.

Incidentally, at this port, there has not been an arrival since Saturday night, when sch. Lucania came in with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish, selling to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. yesterday morning.

Sch. Agnes, from fresh halibuting, came in Saturday afternoon, after a long, hard weather trip, during which her sails were torn and she had to put into St. Pierre to fix up. She brought about 11,000 pounds of halibut and a few salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sloop Albert Baldwin.
Tug Boxer.

Portland Arrivals.

Sch. Maud S., 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert D. Willard, 2000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Etta B.
Arrived Monday:
Steamer Ethier, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Winnifred, 20,000 pounds fresh fish.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Rena A. Perry, shore.
Sch. Genesta, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Julietta, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medimus, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kernwood is at Yarmouth, N. S., fitting for fresh halibuting.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, of Portland, one of the old reliables of the fishing fleet, is to be hauled up there for the season. She will be stripped of her sails and will remain in retirement until the swordfishing season opens.

Sch. Lillian, from Bass Harbor, Me., for this port, with a cargo of cured fish, was at Portland on Monday.

The captains of the Provincetown fleet have been running into their home port lately, where they find a good market for the fish, all of which is taken by buyers for New York concerns. This will last while the catch is small, but as New York cannot handle their large trips they will soon begin to come to Boston again.

Some of the off shore vessels which expected to get away yesterday, did not get out, being headed off in their good intention when the wind came around to the eastward. They will have another lay day today, but with fair weather tomorrow, a goodly fleet will get away.

The easterly storm of last night and today is driving into this port for harbor about all the shore boats which are not in Boston.

Capt. Clifford Vanamberg will command sch. Blanche in the salt codfishery this season.

Capt. Thomas Flannagan will fit sch. George Campbell for salt banking.

Capt. Patrick Vale is fitting sch. Titania for Georges handlining.

Capt. Burns Firth, who has been transient skipper in sch. Slade Gorton will now command sch. Catherine G. Burke in the haddock fishery.

After pleasant vacations ashore, Capt. Martin L. Welch will now resume command of sch. Lucania and Capt. George E. Heckman will take charge of sch. Slade Gorton.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Genesta, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Massasoit, 1800 haddock, 2000 cod, 800 pollock.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 25,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 20,000 haddock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea.

Sch. Juniata.

Sch. Athena.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 1000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Minerva.

Sch. Mattakesett, 4500 haddock, 2500 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 8000 cod.
Sch. Valentina, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Hope, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney.
Sch. Pontiac, 13,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Emily Sears, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Gracie, 5000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 6000 cod.
Sch. Sarah, 2000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 800 haddock, 6200 cod.
Sch. Little Fannie.
Sch. Julietta, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Hockomock, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. John M. Keen, 6000 haddock, 3500 cod, 4500 hake.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Haddock, \$3.10 to \$3.55 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$4.

SIR ROBERT BOND TO RESIGN.

Will Retire From Newfoundland Premiership in a Few Days.

Sir Edward Morris Will Form an Administration.

Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, is to resign. This means probably that Sir Edward Morris, who represents the opposition party will be elected premier, and that the most persistent, indefatigable worker for "free fish," or reciprocity that Newfoundland ever had, and who has been a thorn in the flesh to the New England fishing interest for several years, is to retire to private life. Premier Bond has been a picturesque figure in New World politics and from his now famous bait and vessel acts and his daring and novel interpretation of the Treaty of 1818, has attained an international reputation.

Following the issuance at St. John's last evening of a proclamation by Gov. MacGregor, postponing the opening of the legislature from today until March 4, Sir Robert Bond, the premier, informed his followers that his resignation would be handed in in a day or two.

This announcement means that the downfall of the Bond government is at hand, and that the opposition leader, Sir Edward Morris, will be called upon to form an administration.

It is expected that Premier Bond's resignation will be handed to Gov. MacGregor on Friday.

As Morris has the same number of members in the legislature as Bond, it is by no means certain that Sir Edward can form a permanent administration, although his supporters think they could command a majority of votes.

With the supporters of Sir Robert Bond, the premier, and Sir Edward Morris, the opposition leader, equally divided in the house, the government by electing a speaker would be in a minority on the floor. No session of the legislature has been held since the general elections early in November last. A session was called on February 4, but was postponed until tomorrow.

The decision of the government in further proroguing the session is expected to have an important bearing on the situation. Business men, while opposed to another general election campaign and turmoil when trade is at low ebb, fear that an early appeal to the electors cannot be avoided.

The Bond government favors the dissolution, but the Morrisites do not favor such a step, claiming that should Sir Robert resign they would be able to command a majority of the legislature.

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T WHARF MAKES NEW RECORD.

Over 100 Vessels Land
2,000,000 POUNDS OF FISH
in Two Days.

Largest Number of Vessels
Ever Arriving in Same Time.

Never in the history of T wharf have so many vessels arrived there with fish fares as on Tuesday and yesterday. By actual count just 100 crafts tied up at the fish pier and landed trips aggregating about 2,000,000 pounds of fresh fish. This amount has frequently been exceeded, but never before has there been so many arrivals on two consecutive days.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days T wharf has seen for a year. When the bell rang at 5 o'clock for business to close, there were teams by the dozen loading up for the freight and express companies, and the men in the stores had been so busy getting out fish that handcars, loaded with haddock and cod, stood at the back doors waiting to be unloaded. There was no room in the stores, and everyone was pressed into service to clear up the accumulation of fish.

Some of the dealers did not let their men go until 10.30 last night, and even then let up only because the men found it physically impossible to do more work. The express teams had the run of T wharf until 8.30, and barely cleaned up the outgoing freights at that hour. When they had gone there was still work for the store men, who had to finish taking in the fish and icing it down.

It was expected that with the 52 vessels in Tuesday, yesterday the dealers might run short, but there were 38 vessels with fish in their holds at the wharf yesterday morning, and the crews were working like beavers to get the fish out, and the men in the stores to prevent another accumulation. Officers Desmond and Rhoades were kept busy untangling knots among the teams and handcars, and keeping things moving, but in spite of their efforts there were spells when not a wheel could turn without making the block worse.

All signs point to a large number of off shore arrivals at Boston today. This morning the fleet at the pier numbered 16 sails, 10 of which came in yesterday afternoon. Of the fleet eight were off shores, and all with good trips. Capt. Mesquita of sch. Frances P. Mesquita, which came down from Boston this afternoon, reports sighting four or five big fellows all bound in for Boston. There is a big fleet of off shores due and the men ashore are looking for them to strike in today in a bunch.

Prices still hold good at T wharf, haddock bringing from \$2.10 to \$2.20 and shore cod from \$3 to \$4, a drop from yesterday, but still good figures.

Halibut Fares at Boston.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived at Boston this morning with a fine trip, 25,000 pounds of halibut. The vessel has been out only about three weeks and this is her second trip this year. As prices are good she will make a nice stock.

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HAD A GOOD SEASON.

Former Gloucester Man Making Good
in the Western Glue Business.

Up to date the glue factory of the Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes, Wash., has manufactured from codfish skins between 7000 and 8000 gallons of liquid glue. This is considered a very encouraging showing and the plant will be busy for some time to come with the Bering sea codfish skins on hand and others expected from up-Sound codfish houses. The plant will, however, have the entire supply cleaned up in time to receive the offal from the first run of salmon in the spring. There will likely be no dearth of raw material for the fish oil and fertilizer factories during the coming spring, summer and fall, as almost all the traps and gillnets, seines and other contrivances will be in service to reap their share of the harvest confidently anticipated in this fourth or sockeye flood year.

President William Robinson of the Robinson Fisheries Co., a former Gloucester boy, says that he has had to turn down orders for codfish in prepared form, fearing that his supply for regular customers might not last till the next catch is cured. The season, he says had some distressing features, but on the whole has been satisfactory.

CANADIAN FISHERIES.

Annual Report Presented to Parliament.

The annual report of the fisheries branch of the Canadian department of Marine and Fisheries has been made to parliament and contained much of interest to all connected with the North Atlantic fisheries.

The fisheries bounty amounted to \$156,114, divided among the owners of 927 fishing vessels and 20,620 boat fishermen. The total catch of all kinds of fish is estimated at \$25,500,000 the figures by provinces being: Nova Scotia, \$7,622,330, an increase of \$166,830; British Columbia, \$6,122,823, a decrease of \$880,424; New Brunswick, \$5,200,564, an increase of \$395,339; Quebec, \$2,047,390, a decrease of \$127,645; Ontario, \$1,935,005, an increase of \$200,169; Prince Edward Island, \$1,492,695, an increase of \$323,756.

Salmon again heads the list of fish, followed by lobsters, cod and herring in the order named.

The fish exports to foreign countries, chiefly to Great Britain and the United States, amounted to \$13,906,567.

During the fishing season of 1907 over 71,000 men were engaged in the fisheries of Canada, including the thousands of persons employed in the lobster canning industry. These fishermen used nearly 7,000,000 fathoms of gill-nets and seines, besides other fishing gear and fixtures, representing an aggregate capital of nearly \$15,000,000. This is about a quarter of a million dollars over the total outlay of the previous season by a smaller number of fishermen.

The lobster plant alone is valued at over one million and a half, comprising all the equipment of nearly seven hundred canneries dispersed on the seacoast of the Maritime Provinces, as follows: Nova Scotia, 217; New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, 184 each, and Quebec, 100.

The divided jurisdiction between the Dominion and the provinces come in for the following important reference:

"Substantial progress has marked the exploitation of the fisheries of Canada, and they continue to be a source of considerable gain to a hardy and industrious section of our population. It can never be denied that the protection and development of the great resources of the waters of the Dominion would be facilitated were the present divided authority and overlapping administration federal and provincial, merged in one central system.

"Were the fisheries of the Dominion administration under one authority with one ample and effective staff of officials, still more were a system of common fishery laws enforced on both sides of the international boundary, the beneficial results to all concerned would be rapidly apparent."

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JUDGE GRAY AS

REPRESENTATIVE.

May Be Member of the
Hague Tribunal.

A formidable array of
counsel will be included in the preparations
and presentation of the
American contentions
before the court.

STUDY OF SEA WEEDS.

Marine Algae of Importance in Economy of Nature.

To the Editor of the Times:—I am deeply interested in the article from the Boston Globe, and recently republished in the columns of your progressive paper, concerning "New Uses for Sea Weed."

From the careful study and investigations of eminent botanists, we learn that sea weeds have a past history, a record graven in the rocks, for in the oldest systems of fossiliferous rocks, the silurian black marks of sea weeds are found, and the carrageen and the fuci had also their representatives in those ancient seas, so that algae can trace back their family lineage further even than the ferns and their allies.

The larger dark colored sea weeds known to the inhabitants along the New England coast as rock weed, is composed almost entirely of three species, fucus nodosus, fucus vesiculosus and fucus furcatus. The rock weeds and the kelps are all excellent fertilizers.

Macrocystr pyrifera forms entangle masses which serve as natural breakwaters on exposed portions of California coast. The leaf bladders of this same plant are used by sailors in high southern latitudes for rolling up into cigarettes.

After the late storms of autumn, we find great quantities of the large laminaries, with their long, rough dried stems, thrown up on our beaches. Their stems are used for making paper cutters and other purposes. At one time an attempt was made to establish a manufactory for buttons out of dried laminaria stems at Marblehead, but the buttons did not bear washing, so the enterprise was given up.

The Alaria esculenta in Ireland, Scotland and adjacent islands is highly prized as an article of food, and freely eaten by the natives.

"In olden times," says Mrs. Plues, "vile algae was a term for anything useless, but this error has long since died away, for once on a day some country folk gathered a bundle of dry fucus and made a fire of it upon the sands, and among the ashes coarse fragments of glass were found. This suggested an idea, and by degrees sea weed ashes became a very important article of commerce, as an ingredient in the manufacture of glass, at one time bringing in a revenue of 200,000 pounds per annum to Scotland, but after the duty was taken off foreign barilla, which is better adapted for glass making, the principal use of the sea weed ashes for a time was the production of iodine.

The Chondrus crispus is the famous "Irish moss," used in making sea moss blanc mange. This plant grows on rocks, and is very common on our North Shore, collected in large quantities during July and August, exposed to the sun to dry and bleach, then sold to the grocers.

"The vegetation of the ocean," says Harvey, "with one exception, is composed entirely of algae, or sea weeds. The exception is zostera, or eel grass, now being used to make winter underclothing."

Eel grass grows abundantly at Kettle island, Milk island and other localities along the North Shore.

The collector will find many varieties of delicate sea plants growing on the long narrow blades of eel grass.

Scientific knowledge and investigation have brought marine algae to its place of usefulness, and importance in the economy of nature.

It is food for the hungry, brings health, and healing in many cases, to the sick. Highly prized by farmers for its great fertilizing powers, and eagerly sought for by botanists and collectors for beauty of form and color.

The city of Gloucester is fortunate in having the principal of one of its public schools an enthusiastic student of marine algae, and through his untiring efforts, and diligent research, he has secured for "The Sawyer School Museum" one of the finest, if not the most exhaustive collection of marine algae to be found in Essex county, and I feel safe in saying this collection cannot be duplicated in the state of Massachusetts. The principal of this school has also inspired many of his pupils with the desire to study the beautiful flora, nurtured in the tide pools, and in the sunless depths of the ocean, till the outcome of this inspiration has led to the formation of the active, energetic Agassiz Field Club.

MARIA HERRICK BRAY.
West Gloucester, February 23, 1908.

FOOD PRESERVATIVES.

Mr. Wiley's Benzoate of Soda Decision
Not Sustained by Experts.

The following brief editorial under the caption "Food Preservatives," seems to about hit the nail on the head on the benzoate of soda matter:

"The fact that the pure food commission of the department of agriculture has pronounced benzoate of soda a not injurious food preservative, as used in certain preparations, has led to the rumor that Professor Wiley will resign. The rumor is false, or else the expert of the 'poison squad' must be too hasty. The question whether benzoate of soda is or is not harmful was one for scientists to settle, and it could not have been fairly expected of Mr. Wiley that his decision should be taken as final.

"On questions of the enforcement of existing laws against harmful food adulterations, the public has been quite willing to stand by him, and to take his methods as honest, forceful and impartial. On the other hand, it would be novel for him to claim authority as an expert scientist. In his ruling on benzoate of soda he went squarely against the judgment and practice of the state experts of Massachusetts, whose authority and experience are beyond question.

"The principle of benzoic acid is the familiar acid of our Cape Cod cranberry, and has never proved harmful in that delicious product. Mr. Wiley allows chloride and borate of sodium as food preservatives, without question, largely because they are known by their more common names of salt and borax. Why should he object to the newer compound if it is harmless as the experts pronounce it?"

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FIRST ARRIVAL
SINCE SATURDAY.Sch. Margaret Has Small
Halibut Fare From Quero.

Since last Saturday night, there has been but one fishing arrival at this port from off shore. Up to this morning the slate had been clean, and it looked as though the week might go by without an arrival, but sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, with a fare of fresh halibut from Quero bank, arrived in during the night and this saved a complete shut-out record.

Sch. Margaret had a hard, stormy trip, and had only a small fare of 17,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Colson reports very blowy weather on the bank.

Capt. Samuel Colson reports speaking sch. Niagara on Quero bank.

FIRST SALT BANKER SAILS.

Knockabout Sch. Arethusa Starts Season Today.

The big knockabout sch. Arethusa sails today on a salt bank codfishing trip being the first of the fleet to get away.

Last year, also, sch. Arethusa was the first of the salt bankers to get away, sailing February 27, so the season this year can be said to have begun two days earlier than last.

In 1908, sch. Arethusa was followed by sch. Smuggler on February 29 and sch. Arcadia on March 2.

HAD FLAG AT HALF MAST.

But Stray Men From Sch. Rob Roy Had Been Picked Up.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. William Clark arrived here this forenoon, from Georges, with her flag at half mast for the supposed loss of two of her crew, but it was learned that the men, Joseph LeClaire and Charles Sampson, had been picked up soon after going astray, by sch. Lizzie M. Stanley and landed at Boston last Friday.

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Herring Cargoes for New York.

Schs. Essex and Veda M. McKown will go to New York today with their cargoes of frozen herring.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Hundreds of pounds of codfish are being caught daily off the coast of Cape May County, N. J. Many of the pound fishermen during the winter months go into the codfishing on a large scale. Some of their lines have as many as 800 hooks and many of them 400 or 500. They are baited with surf clams, which sell for 50 cents a bushel.

The Liverpool, N. S., Fish Co. has constructed a new ice house and filled it with 1000 tons of ice to meet its needs the coming season.

The Louisburg, C. B., Fishing Co.'s schooner Speculator will fit out for a fishing trip in the early spring. Last season the vessel was purchased late, and consequently did not get to the fishing grounds until June, which accounted largely for the small catch of last season by the Speculator's crew. Capt. Burke of River Bourgeois who was skipper of the Speculator last season, will be employed again this season. They hope for a better season than last one.

Weather Bothers Pensacola Fishermen.

Weather conditions during the present month at Pensacola, Florida, have been very bad. Heavy breezes, mostly southwest to northwest, have made things unfavorable for good fishing. Reports received there indicate that there are plenty of snappers on the coast, but that the chances for getting them have been very slight.

Most of the snapper fleet are now going to the Campeche Banks. Vessels that have returned report fish as very scarce.

The largest catch this season was made on the coast there by the sch. Mary L. Harty, Capt. Martin Johnson. After being out for ten days, he reached port on February 5 and landed 33,000 pounds of snappers. The crew's single share was \$69.25.

Pacific Coast Fish Catch.

The Pacific Fisherman, in its resume of the fishing year of 1908 on the Pacific coast, says that the total codfish catch for the Pacific coast for the year 1908 totals 3,245,403 fish, an increase of nearly a quarter of a million fish over last year, when the total was 3,012,451. The aggregate weight of this catch is 14,594,313 pounds, valued f. o. b. vessel at \$436,929.39, and at the producers' selling price at virtually \$837,953.78.

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Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, shore.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
Sch. Rob Roy, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Sch. Romance, haddocking.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
Sch. Arethusa, salt fishing.

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Boston.

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Sch. Regina, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Arbitrator, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 31,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 5000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Dorothy, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Washakie, 2500 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Dictator, 25,000 halibut.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Tartar, 50,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

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Sch. Matiana, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 60,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Muriel.
Sch. James W. Parker.
Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.10 to \$3 per cwt.; large shore cod, \$4; market shore cod, \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2.25; pollock, \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Hazel R. Hines and Theodore Roosevelt of the salt bank fleet, are now fitting out and will sail the first of next week.

The Provincetown sloop Vesta is on Parkhurst's railways for her annual overhauling.

Sch. Orinoco, one of the salt bank fleet, is on the Rocky Neck railways.

It is blowing pretty fresh outside today and none of the shore boats have gone out. Those that left Boston, put in here for harbor, as there is no chance to make a set.

Portland Arrivals.

Arrived Tuesday:

Sch. Lizzie May, 2500 pounds of fresh fish.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert D. Willard, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. George H. Lubee, 6000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Fanny Reed, 2000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 5000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Margie Turner, 5000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Lochinvar, 6000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 6000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Little Elsie, 4500 pounds fresh fish.
Sloop Defender, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sloop Nellie F. Norton, 2000 pounds fresh fish.
Sloop Laconia, 1000 pounds fresh fish.

New Fishing Craft.

Sch. Carrie Hirtle was launched from Smith & Rhuland's ship yard, Lunenburg, N. S., recently. She is owned by Capt. James Hirtle and is much of the same type as the sch. Clintonia.

The gasoline fishing sch. Active, owned by the Tacoma Fish Co. of Tacoma, Wash., was launched from Heath's yard recently. She is 65 feet long, 15 foot beam and 6 feet moulded depth. As soon as engines are in stalled she will be used in fishing off Petersburg, sending her catch to Tacoma by steamer.

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WANTED NEW
ELECTION HELD.

Bond Asked to Have One Ordered Before Resigning.

St. John's, N. F. despatches of last evening state that not only Premier Bond, but his ministers are to resign and that the resignations, in a body, were tendered yesterday to Governor McGregor.

It is now entirely probable that Sir Edward Morris, the opposition leader, will be called upon today to form a ministry. As Morris has no more supporters in the House than Bond, there is intense interest all over Newfoundland in the probable developments of the next two weeks, as things have now fairly reached a crisis.

Premier Bond, before announcing his intention of resigning, endeavored to induce Gov. McGregor to dissolve the legislature and order a general election, but the governor felt that another election at this time would injure trade.

He hopes when the legislature meets next Thursday to induce it to vote sufficient money to carry on the business of the government, regardless of party political considerations, and thus enable the colony to get along without another election until later in the year.